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In re Application of:

TOSHIYASU SHIRASUNA ET AL.

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Examiner: Anna M. Crowell

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In reply to the election of species requirement, kindly consider the remarks which follow.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect either Species I, Figure 3; Species II, Figure 4; or Species III, Figure 5 for prosecution on the merits. Claim 12 has been found generic.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement.